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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE--SUMMARY FOR PERIOD

ENDING NOON, APRIL 7.

1. GENERAL

THE MILITARY SITUATION IN VIET-NAM WAS BASICALLY UNCHANGED
DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS. IN MR-3 IT REMAINED UNUSUALLY QUIET.
ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA CONTINUES TO INCREASE, THOUGH THE ACTION
REMAINS LIGHT AND SCATTERED.

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2. MR-2

THE FORMER MR-2 PROVINCES OF NINH THUAN (PHAN RANG) AND BINH THUAN (PHAN THIET) HAVE BEEN ADDED TOMR-3 AND NOW FALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF LTG TOAN, MR-3 COMMANDER. THE NINH THUAN PROVINCE CHIEF REPORTS SHORTAGES OF RICE AND DIESEL FUEL. THE BINH THUAN PROVINCE CHIEF REPORTS THE SITUATION IS STABLE IN HI PROVINCE.

VNAF FLEW 24 SORTIES AGAINST SUSPECTED NVA CONCENTRATIONS IN NORTHERN NINH THUAN. SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED, BUT TWO A-37S WERE LOST SO SA-7 AND MG FIRE. VNAF CONTINUES LIMITED OPERATIONS FROM PHAN RANG AIR BASE.

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND OTHER SOURCES INDICATE NO DISCERNABLE NVA PRESENCE IN COASTAL MR-2 SOUTH OF NHA TRANG. NHA TRANG ITSELF APPEARS TO BE AN OPEN CITY, AND THE GVN IS CLAIMING IT HAS BEEN RETAKEN. HOWEVER, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE NO ORGANIZED GVN UNITS IN THE NHA TRANG AREA.

THE NVA 10TH, 320TH, AND 316TH DIVISIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE DRIVE TO THE COAST OUT OF THE HIGHLANDS HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

3. MR-3.

THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN MR-3 REMAINED LOW THIS WEEK-END. ONE OF THE INCIDENTS WAS A 60-ROUND ROCKET ATTACK ON THE NHA BE POL STORAGE AREA NEAR SAIGON WITH VIRTUALLY NO DAMAGE.

THE SAIGON-GIA DINH REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE ISSUED A CALL APRIL 5 VIA LIBERATION RADIO, TO COMPATRIOTS IN THESE TWO CITIES TO "MAKE WORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLORIOUS CAUSE," AND TO BE READY TO "PARTICIPATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT THAT IS RAGING LIKE A STORM." THE STATEMENT STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR AN ACTUAL UPRISING.

4. MR-4.

ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA CONTINUED ITS UPWARD CLIMB THIS WEEK-END
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ALTHOUGH THE CONTACTS REMAINED LIGHT AND SCATTERED.

5. ICCS.

AS OF COB APRIL 7, ALL FOUR ICCS DELEGATIONS COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL FROM BIEN HOA, THE LAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO WHICH ANY DELEGATION WAS DEPLOYED. THE ICCS FORCED WITHDRAWAL TO SAIGON COMPLIES WITH A LONG-STANDING OBJECTIVE OF THE "PRG," WHICH HAD OBJECTED TO ICCS

DEPLOYMENT OUTSIDE SAIGON. AN IRANIAN DELEGATION OFFICER INFORMED AN EMBOFF ON APRIL 7 THAT THE IRANIANS ARE PLANNING TO LEAVE 20 PERSONNEL IN THEIR DELEGATION, AND AN INDONESIAN DELEGATION OFFICER INFORMED THE EMBOFF THAT THE INDONESIANS TENTATIVELY PLAN TO LEAVE BETWEEN 40 AND FIFTY PERSONNEL.

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